



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006 AT 2:00 PM

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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Chairman Joe A. Martinez called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. The following members were present at the meeting:

Ruben D. Almaguer	William H. Kerdyk
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dorrin D. Rolle
Kevin A. Burns	Natacha Seijas
Audrey M. Edmonson	Darryl K. Sharpton
Carlos A. Gimenez	Katy Sorenson
Perla T. Hantman	Richard L. Steinberg
Sally A. Heyman	Johnny L. Winton
Barbara J. Jordan	Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary L. Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager; Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat; and Robert A. Cuevas, First Assistant County Attorney.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Attorney Cuevas informed the Board that the distributed spreadsheet (yellow document) is part of Action Item 4.A.1 LRTP/TIP Amendments: City of Miami Streetcar Projects.

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Moss moved for approval of the March 23, 2006 minutes. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES

1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST

Board Member Burns appointed Bruno Caberro to the Transportation Aesthetic Review Committee (TARC).

2. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Norman Wartman, CTAC Vice-Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on CTAC activities. He informed the Board that CTAC received a presentation on the City of Miami's Operation Red Light, Green Light Program. He then stated that CTAC will co-host the televised Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Interactive meeting scheduled for March 29, 2006 where each transportation agency is expected to participate. He concluded by informing the Board of the resolutions passed by CTAC at its last meeting. *(A copy of CTAC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

3. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Ms. Winsome Bowen, TARC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on TARC activities. She informed the Board that TARC discussed the concerns expressed by Board Member Moss relating to the aesthetic designs of the bridges throughout Miami-Dade County. She further stated that TARC passed a resolution recommending that a study be conducted to produce an aesthetic manual that would serve as a guide for the various transportation agencies. She further stated that TARC requested that this manual identify funding and implementation strategies and includes a component to address emergency repairs. Ms. Bowen informed the Board that TARC was pleased to learn that the Community Image Advisory Board (CIAB) was considering a Landscape Master Plan that would encompass all Miami-Dade County facilities. She further stated that TARC is suggesting that the scope be broadened to include aesthetics and urban design in general. She concluded by stating that TARC is very interested in continuing to provide comments on the CIAB Master Plan throughout its development process.

4. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

No report given on this item.

5. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

Mrs. Silvia Bernstein, FTAC Chair, informed the Board that FTAC held a meeting on March 20th to discuss the Port Stakeholders Freight Access Forum which has been scheduled for May 3rd. She further stated that FTAC received presentations on the Port Access Alternatives Study, NW 25th Street Improvements and I-95 Slip Ramp at the 6th Street Port Corridor. She also mentioned that FTAC received an update on the Port Tunnel Project. She concluded by stating that FTAC supports the efforts to identify the Port of Miami River as a FDOT Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) designation.

B. MIAMI DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

1. MDX Status Report

Mr. Servando Parapar, MDX Executive Director, provided the Board with a brief update on the projects included in the MDX Status Report, in addition to marketing efforts by MDX. *(A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Gimenez expressed concern with the vegetations that were damaged during Hurricane Wilma which served as a buffer between the MDX expressway system and the communities that border it. Mr. Parapar responded that the MDX Board authorized the replacement of vegetations in the area. He further stated that although MDX is looking to install noise walls for the area, this work is not scheduled for the immediate future.

Board Member Jordan expressed concern with the tourists being unfamiliar with the Sunpass System since they are slowing down on these lanes. She suggested that staff look into installing warning signs that advise motorists not to slow down in the Sunpass lanes.

Board Member Hantman expressed concern with materials that were distributed to the MPO Board at the end of the meeting regarding a transportation forum to be held in California. She requested that staff distribute materials to the Board prior to the scheduled event and before quorum is lost to allow the Board Members an opportunity to take action on the materials if necessary.

Board Member Seijas expressed concern with the exact change lanes on the SR 112 Toll Plaza. She stated that the machines in these lanes fail to signal when the correct toll amount has been reached.

**C. SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY (SFRTA)**

1. Presentation on 2006 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Bill Cross, SFRTA, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation (*A copy of this presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Sorenson requested clarity on whether any legislation has been filed at this point. Mr. Cross responded that portions of the legislation package not related to the dedicated source of funding does have sponsors, however nothing has been filed. He further stated that there is discussion to attach the dedicated source of funding legislation to the Orlando Rental Car Fee legislation, which has been filed. He then stated that the SFRTA Board authorized their Vice Chair to negotiate and represent the interests of South Florida on this issue.

Vice Chairman Moss expressed concern with the dedicated sources of funding being used to support projects that benefit only one county. Mr. Cross stated that he would bring the Miami-Dade MPO Board's concerns to the SFRTA Board.

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Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing.

Board Member Almaguer requested clarity on whether any other project in the LRTP or TIP will be bumped to accommodate this amendment. Mr. Donn stated that these funds are from a previously funded project that does not impact any other projects in the Plan or Program.

Board Member Winton further clarified by stating that the proposed Project does not impact any projects in the TIP. He further clarified by stating that the City of Miami may need additional funding in the future that would impact other projects.

Chairman Martinez requested clarity on whether the Watson Island project was connected to the Parrot Jungle Park. Mr. Donn responded that the Watson Island Project mentioned in the proposed amendment was an airport project scheduled for the area and is not connected to the amusement park in the subject area.

Board Member Winton moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Burns seconded the motion. The resolution passed 16-1.

2. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

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Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing.

Mr. Charles Love, citizen, provided the Board with a brief presentation on upgrading Miami-Dade buses to attract more professionals.

Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing.

Attorney Cuevas introduced the distributed letter from Jacqueline Shepard, citizen, opposing item 4.A.2 into the record.

Board Member Seijas informed the Board that the Charrette mentioned in the letter did address the proposed park and ride facility. She further requested that the Country Club Palm Spring North Charrette Area Plan Report be made part of the record.

(A Copy of the distributed letter and report is available at the MPO Secretariat).

Board Member Hantman informed the Board that the School Board does not anticipate any negative impact to the schools located in the area of the proposed Park and Ride facility.

Board Member Almaguer requested staff to provide information on the current bus ridership numbers for the proposed Park and Ride Facility corridor. Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, Miami-Dade Transit Director, stated that there are fifty-three park and ride facilities throughout the County and only one in District 13. He concluded by stating that staff will provide the ridership numbers at a later date.

Board Member Heyman stated that the northeast section of Miami-Dade County does not have a mass transit system. She further stated that the area is looking toward recommendations from studies like the

South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit (SFECCT) Analysis to alleviate the traffic congestion in the area.

Board Member Burns requested status of the Northeast Dade Interchange Hub. Mr. Bradley responded that staff is working to identify the proper location that is agreed upon by the surrounding municipalities.

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

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Board Member Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

4. ADJUSTED LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (LPA): NORTH CORRIDOR

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ADJUSTED LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE NORTH CORRIDOR METRORAIL EXTENSION

Board Member Hantman requested that staff continue to meet with the Public Schools to address the impacts the proposed North Corridor Metrorail Extension will have on the Public Schools Facilities Maintenance Complex /Transportation Center located on 122nd Street and NW 27th Avenue.

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. ADJUSTED LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (LPA): MIC/EARLINGTON HEIGHTS METRORAIL CONNECTOR

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ADJUSTED LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE MIC/EARLINGTON HEIGHTS METRORAIL CONNECTOR

Board Member Sharpton moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Moss seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

A. MPO BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

1. Proposed MPO 2006 State Legislation Endorsed by Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC)

This item was deferred.

Vice Chairman Moss requested that this item be placed at the beginning of the next agenda.

B. MPO BOARD MEMBERS

1. Request by MPO Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson: Presentation by Communities United

Hattie Willis, Wendy Stephan, and Elvis Cruise of Buena Vista East Historic Neighborhood Association, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the development and transportation planning for the Buena Vista East Corridor. *(A copy of this PowerPoint is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Edmonson moved for approval of a resolution directing the MPO Secretariat to meet with the City of Miami and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to garner all traffic study reports that deal with transportation and traffic between Biscayne Bay and I-95 incorporating all the connecting intersections. This motion was seconded by Board Member Winton and passed unanimously.

Mr. Mesa stated that once staff has collected the necessary traffic reports they will develop a scope of service and budget to address the needs of this corridor.

2. Request by MPO Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson: I-95 Ramps at NW 14th Street

Board Member Edmonson informed the Board that she held a Town Hall meeting in the Overtown community on the I-95 Ramps at NW 14th Street project. She stated that the majority of the residents that attended the meeting expressed concerns with the safety hazards the proposed project will present to the schools in the area. She further stated that based on the information provided by FDOT and the concerns of the residents in the area she could not support the opening of the I-95 ramps at NW 14th Street. Board Member Edmonson concluded by allowing a representative from the Education of Excellence for Booker T. Washington, Power U, Booker T. Washington Alumni Association, Overtown Advisory Board, , and Booker T. Washington Student Government Association (GSA) to address the MPO Board with their concerns.

Board Member Hantman stated that the proposed project will have a direct impact to the Booker T. Washington and Frederick Douglas schools in the area. She concluded by requesting that the Public Works Department (PWD) address the traffic signs and signaling deficiencies that are identified in the distributed documentation provided by the staff from the Miami-Dade Public Schools.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on the need for another ramp in the Downtown area. Mr. Donn stated that this project was a recommendation from MPO commissioned study, Historical Impacts of the Transportation Projects on the Overtown Community.

Board Member Edmonson requested that the MPO staff place on the MPO May agenda an amendment to the FY 2006 TIP and LRTP to remove the I-95 Ramps at NW 14th Street Project and to request that FDOT return the funding for this project to the I-395 project.

Board Member Moss requested that this issue be positioned on the agenda to allow Board Members enough time to discuss and act appropriately.

C. COUNTY MANAGER

No discussion under this item.

D. COUNTY ATTORNEY

No discussion under this item.

E. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (District VI)

F. MPO SECRETARIAT

1. MPO Board February Meeting Follow-up Report

No discussion under this item.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.